

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The closest prior art (US 2002/0157089 to Patel et al.) does not disclose or suggest:

installing a first program with a base computer ... enables the base computer to run the first program by accessing the shared application components and local application components of the first program in the shared folder and in the local device;

creating an image of the local device of the base computer including the local application components of the first program;

providing the image to the client computers to apply the local application components of the first program to local devices of the client computers ...

installing a second program with the base computer, wherein installing the second program adds files for the second program to the shared folder and modifies memory of the base computer;

determining writes to the base computer memory during installation of the second program on the base computer; and

providing the determined writes to the client computers to apply to the client computers, wherein the writes applied to the base computer memory during the installation of the second program are applied to the client computers

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JASON D. MITCHELL whose telephone number is (571)272-3728. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and alternate Fridays 7:30-5:00.

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